

REMARKS

This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated July 29, 2004. Claims 5-18, 23-36 and 41-45 are presented for examination, and have been amended to define still more clearly what Applicants regard as their invention. Claims 5, 15, 23, 33, 41 and 42 are the independent claims. Claims 1-4, 19-22 and 37-40 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, and will not be mentioned further. For the reasons set forth in detail below, Applicants respectfully submit that all claims presented for examination are in condition for allowance, and favorable reconsideration is requested.

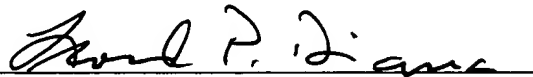
Claims 5-12, 14-18, 23-30, 32-36 and 41-45 have been determined by the Examiner to contain allowable subject matter. Claims 5, 23 and 41 have been re-written into independent form by incorporating the features of their respective base Claims 4, 22 and 40, and their dependent claims have been amended to clarify their language, reasons without affecting the scope or allowability of those claims.

In addition, rejected Claims 13 and 31 have been amended to be dependent upon Claims 5 and 23, respectfully, and thus are believed also to be allowable.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that the entire application is in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

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Respectfully submitted,

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